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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF LEADER OF MONTERREY'S INDEPENDENT LABOR MOVEMENT

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1. TOP GOM OFFICIALS ARE NOT DISPOSED TO HELP MONTERREY'S INDEPENDENT LABOR MOVEMENT AVERT CTM TAKEOVERS, ACCORDING TO INDEPENDENT LEADER ISAAC TREVINO. IN DISCUSSION WITH CONSUL GENERAL AND E/C OFFICER WHICH FOCUSSED MAINLY ON RECENT TROUBLES ENCOUNTERED BY HIS INDEPENDENT UNIONS, TREVINO COMPLAINED THAT HIS VISITS AND APPEALS TO THE SECRETARIATS OF LABOR AND GOBERNACION IN EARLY NOVEMBER WERE IN VAIN. LABOR OFFICIALS, HE SAID, INCLUDING SECRETARY OJEDA, WERE EVASIVE IN RESPONDING TO HER BITTER QUERY ON WHY THE GOM WAS PERMITTING THE DESTRUC-TION OF NORTHERN MEXICO'S OLDEST ORGANIZED LABOR MOVEMENT. FEDERAL OFFICIALS SIMPLY STRESSED THAT TREVINO'S PROBLEMS WERE OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION AND MUST BE RESOLVED BY TREVINO HIMSELF WITH NUEVO LEON STATE OFFICIAL-DOM. TREVINO, WHO SEES THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE CTM ALLIED AGAINST HIM IN THESE TAKEOVER MOVES, NOTED THAT THE GOM WAS EFFECTIVELY ASKING HIM TO NEGOTIATE WITH A WOLF
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THAT WAS TRYING TO EAT HIM.

2. DON ISAAC OUTLINED HIS PLANS TO PROTECT HIS LABOR MOVEMENT FROM FURTHER CTM ENCROACHMENTS. HE DESCRIBED PLANS TO HOLD RALLIES AND ASSEMBLIES OF INDEPENDENT-AFFILIATED PLANTS, TO SEND CABLES TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ-PORTILLO DETAILING CTM ILLEGALITIES, TO PLACE PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS DIRECTED

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AGAINST THE CTM IN THE LOCAL AND CAPITAL PRESS. CAMPAIGN WOULD CULMINATE IN A MASS GENERAL RALLY OF INDEPENDENTS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS, SOMETIME AFTER END OF THE YEAR. TREVINO ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE INDEPENDENTS RECRUITING ONE HUNDRED "STRONG MEN" FOR SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST CTM STRONG ARM TACTICS. HE STRESSED HIS OPTIMISM THAT SOME RECENT SUCCESSFUL TAKEOVER BY THE CTM CAN BE REVERSED IN THE FUTURE. HE BASED HIS REASONING ON EXPECTATIONS THAT WORKERS IN FIRMS WHICH RECENTLY AFFILIATED WITH THE CTM WILL GROW INCREASINGLY DISENCHANTED WHEN THEY FACE HEAVY-HANDED TREATMENT BY CTM OFFICIALS AND WHEN THEY RECEIVE NO SUBSTANTIAL WAGE BENEFITS.
COMMENT: OVERALL IMPRESSION CONVEYED BY TREVINO IS THAT OF AN ENTRENCHED AND AGING LEADER WHO PROBABLY UNDERESTIMATES THE CCHALLENGED POSED BY CTM. BOTH HIS ATTEMPT TO ENGAGE GOM AS AN ALLY IN JURISDICTIONAL STRUGGLES WITH CTM AND PLANS TO FORE-STALL MORE CTM TAKEOVERS BY "RALLIES" AND "TELEGRAM CAMPAIGNS" SEEM UNREALISTICS IN VIEW NATIONAL STRENGTH OF CTM ORGANIZATION AND ITS STRONG POLITICAL ALLIES AMONG NUEVO LEON STATE OFFICIALDOM. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES IN MONTERREY OF CTM-AFFILIATED WORKFORCES SWITCHING BACK TO INDEPENDENT AFFILIATION, SUCH INSTANCES ARE EXCEEDINGLY RARE.
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